

R.B.S. POSITIONAL PAPER

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A BIBLE STUDY

KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT FAST

SCIENTOLOGY

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This positional paper is dedicated to Tom Cruise...just kidding, no it's not. DH



The R.U.S.H. Bible Study Arguments Against Scientology

The odd thing for me on Scientology is that I am not sure that it is a religion at all. It seems more like a pyramid scheme. However they have litigated pretty successfully defending their religious claim, so if I must, I will state that, if they are a religion, they are a false one. If you assume, as I do, that a person who belongs to a church is sincere, then what might make his/her religion false? Is sincerity enough? If so, can boy be a girl if he really means it? Nope. What are the standards that justify calling a religious movement false, or even a cult?

Jesus sharply rebuked the false teachers of His day. Consider His “woes” to the Pharisees as an example (**Matthew 23:13,15**).

¹³ “How terrible for you, teachers of the law and Pharisees! You are hypocrites! You close the door for people to enter the kingdom of heaven. You yourselves don’t enter, and you stop others who are trying to enter.”

¹⁵ “How terrible for you, teachers of the law and Pharisees! You are hypocrites! You travel across land and sea to find one person who will follow your ways. When you find that person, you make him more fit for hell than you are.” (ICB)

Religions that deny Christ’s deity, atonement, resurrection, and grace lead to an eternal hell and separation from God (**John 10:1, 8; Matthew 5:29–30; 10:28 and 18:9**). Like Jesus, we must freely speak against false religion without denying one’s rights to hold such beliefs. **I categorically deny the notion that I have to keep my religion to myself.** I would never deny someone’s right to religious freedom or expression, nor will I allow anyone to limit my religious freedom or expression. Religion must be voluntary. And religion also must be open to scrutiny and dialogue. Of course minor children must obey their parents and go to church and behave properly, but as adults living on their own, it is up to them to serve God or ignore Him.

A Brief History of Scientology:

Scientology was founded by L. Ron Hubbard on February 18th, 1954 in California (*of course*). He was a popular science fiction author in the 1930’s and after sometime at that venture announced at a convention in New Jersey,

“Writing for a penny a word is ridiculous. If a man really wanted to make a million dollars, the best way would be to start his own religion.”

The very next year he released a book titled **“Dianetics: A Modern Science of Mental Health.”** It was a success and by 1954 the Church of Scientology was born. His personal life though was a disaster. Several famous divorces, bigamy involved in most of them, the divorce papers claimed **his wives suffered beatings, sleep deprivation, strangulation, kidnapping and fleeing to Cuba, along with pleading for his wife to commit suicide “if she really loved him”.**

Hubbard was a member of Jack Parsons group in Pasadena who was a disciple of the late Allister Crowley, alias “The Beast 666”. Crowley was a leading **Satanist, sorcerer, and black magician**. He founded the Ordo Templi Orientis (oto), which promoted **“sexual magick”**. At its New York headquarters, the group’s historical records include letters between Parsons and Crowley that mention Hubbard several times. Sarah Northrup Hollister was Parsons’s girlfriend when they both met L. Ron Hubbard. As Parsons’s partner, **she represented the Babylonian woman in Revelation 17**. Before she could fulfil Parsons’s plan, Hubbard swept her away in an out-of-state **bigamous marriage** (representing himself as a bachelor the entire time). Crowley spoke highly of **Hubbard’s knowledge of occult rituals and black magic. The conspiracies in this group explode.** Parsons was a rocket scientist, chemist and expert in rocket propulsion, Sarah’s dad worked for standard oil, her mom practiced the occult and they moved to Pasadena because an Ouija board told her to do so. Her father was sexually abusive and was later locked up for fraud. Her sister was married to Parsons first, she had an affair with him while she was on a vacation, and when the wife returned she told her sister she was his wife now and Parsons was standing there in one of her dresses!

Hubbard based his false religion on the “science of the mind.” Following his book on Dianetics, **he claimed mankind was basically good**, but life ends in failure because of environmental conditions and painful life experiences. The mantra was “change your circumstances, eliminate pain, and life gets better”. His two most important factors then logically became, avoid pain, and gain pleasure. **That crap sells a lot of books.**

The Bible of 'course disagrees:

"You were taught to leave your old self—to stop living the evil way you lived before. That old self becomes worse and worse because people are fooled by the evil things they want to do." Ephesians 4:22 (ICB)

Hubbard's followers are put through an intense series of ever evolving and never ending "*Dianetic Therapy*" sessions. These therapy sessions or "audits" as they are called, aren't free either. Members have spent their life savings to attain ever higher levels of "clarity". The leaders use the Christian cross, and religious vestments, the title Reverend, and even a white 3" collar! They are anything but Christian (or scientists for that matter).

Hubbard claimed the discovery of a "Thetan." *A Thetan is a person who has evolved into a higher life form.*

Hubbard's discovery of the "Thetan" contributed to the religious nature of Scientology. They liken the Thetan to man's spirit. In Scientology, the Thetan is a timeless entity, which reincarnates in interplanetary life-forms. Once reaching earth as man, its goal is freedom from the cycle of birth and rebirth, which is where Scientology enters the scheme. **One must try to obtain a "clear" status in their lifetime to stop the reincarnation cycle that traps us to earth.** To do that one must be audited over and over until one reaches "clear".

Obviously reincarnation is an unbiblical point of theology.

"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:" Hebrews 9:27.

Scientologists, whose goal is "to make the world a better place", were caught deep in criminal activity that seems contrary to their religion and philosophy:

More than 5,000 Scientologists were involved in one of the most clandestine covert spying operations ever aimed at the United States government. Evidently, none of those involved felt any religious or moral obligation to expose the crimes. Quite accidentally, two Scientologists working undercover, using a phony IRS badge to gain entrance to the Assistant U. S. Attorney's office, made a grave mistake and the cover was blown. The three-year operation came to a screeching halt. These illegal activities were publicized when eleven top Scientologists were indicted in 1977. They named Mary Sue Hubbard, wife of the founder and director of the operation, among those charged with crimes. Court evidence, numbering approximately 33,000 documents, connected Scientologists to infiltrating the government, burglarizing, bugging, wiretapping, and stealing classified information. The operation targeted "the Federal Trade and Atomic Energy Commissions; the National Security Defense Intelligence Agencies; the Departments of Labor, Army, and Navy; the U.S. Customs Service; Interlope, and numerous U.S. police departments." All eleven charged Scientologists originally pleaded innocent to the 28-count grand jury indictment. After much plea bargaining and examining mounting evidence against them, they pleaded guilty to one charge instead of a trial and a heavier sentence. Nine Scientologists (two of the eleven were in England) were sentenced on October 26, 1979. L. Ron Hubbard and twenty-four other Scientologists were named co-conspirators, although unindicted. Mary Sue Hubbard and four top Scientologists were given five-year prison terms and fined \$10,000/ea.

All The Error in Scientology (*and any cult*) Stems From What Scripture They Consider Authoritative.

They described their "Holy Book" in their Articles of Incorporation (2.i.14) as "**a collection of the works of and about the Great Teachers, including the work, St. Luke.**" Yet, strangely, references to Luke's gospel in Scientology writings are virtually non-existent. **Hubbard revealed his sources for his church in his *Phoenix Lectures* (1954). He said, "The [Hindu] Veda ... is best read in a literal translation from the Sanskrit. ... A great deal of our material in Scientology is discovered right back there. Tao means knowingness," he said. "In other words, it's an ancestor to Scientology, the study of 'knowing how to know.'** "Further, he said, "**The Veda, the Tao, the Dharma, all mean knowingness. ... We first find this Buddha called actually *Bodhi*.** ... This probably would be a Dianetic Release. ... Another level has been mentioned to me—Arhat, with which I am not particularly familiar, said to be more comparable to our idea of Theta Clear." And, "Dhyana ... could be literally translated as 'Indian for Scientology,' if you wished to do that." From this we see the eclectic nature of Hubbard's theological authorities. He seemed to favor Buddhist prophetic interpretation and believed it applied to his life.

"The truth of the matter is," he wrote, "that you are studying an extension of the work of Gautama Siddhartha, begun about 2,500 years ago. ... Buddha predicted that in 2,500 years the entire job would be finished in the West. ...Well, we finished it!"

In contrast to Jesus, Hubbard would say "Know thyself...and the truth shall set you free."

The Bible says:

"A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover itself." **Proverbs 18:2**

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father but by me." And again, "The truth shall set you free."

Jesus is the truth, know Him and be free, but scientology says know thyself and be free.

The Bible clearly states Jesus is the truth:

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." **John 14:6**

The Word of God is truth:

"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." **John 17:17,**

God is called truth:

*"That he who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth;
and he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the God of truth;
because the former troubles are forgotten,
and because they are hid from mine eyes."* **Isaiah 65:16,**

The Holy Spirit is called truth

*"This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood.
And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth."* **1 John 5:6,**

And the Gospel is called truth

"To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour; that the truth of the gospel might continue with you."
Galatians 2:5

What does the Bible say about men?

"I said in my haste, All men are liars." **Psalms 116:11.**

What Does Scientology Say About God?

Scientology speaks of a Supreme Being, God, and gods, without telling its members in which, if any, to believe. In *The Scientology Catechism*, it says, "What is the Scientology concept of God? We have no dogma in Scientology and each person's concept is different. ... Each person attains his own certainty as to who God is and exactly what God means to him. The author of the universe exists. How this is symbolized is dictated by your early training and conscience."

In other words they are polytheists, and pantheists, and agnostics all rolled up into one. It mimics Hinduism. Hubbard taught that man is part God and can attain godlike status or nature. In Hubbards evolutionary development of Homo sapiens, he teaches that man will evolve into "homo novis", "very high and god-like".

What Does the Bible Say About God?

*"Yet for us **there is one God, the Father**, from whom all things are and for whom we exist, **and one Lord, Jesus Christ**, through whom all things are and through whom we exist."* **1 Corinthians 8:6.**

Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him..... Even so, Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." **Revelation 1:7-8.**

What Does Scientology Say about Jesus?

When L. Ron Hubbard mentions Jesus Christ, it is rarely in reverence and mostly with disparagement. A few lines previously, we saw that Mr. Hubbard refused to believe in the Christian Christ. Implants are false concepts forced upon a Thetan, and Scientology chalks up “Christ” as an implant more than a million years ago. He wrote, “You will find ... the Christ legend as an implant in ‘pre-clears’ a million years ago.” He also taught that Jesus was only one of many Messiahs.

What Does the Bible Say About Jesus?

“I am the way the truth and the life, no man comes to the Father but by Me.” John 14:6.

“And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world” 1 John 4:14.

*“Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great **God and our Saviour Jesus Christ**”*

Titus 2:13.

What Does Scientology Say About Salvation:

Scientists prefer to use the term “**rebirth**” instead of “**reincarnation**,” although reincarnation is found in their writings. Hubbard emphasized that salvation is to be free from the endless cycle of birth and rebirth. The way to salvation is to erase engrams through auditing. **The proof to many Scientologists that they release engrams through auditing is the accompanying sign. “When one releases an engram,” Hubbard wrote, “the erasure is accompanied by yawns, tears, sweat, odor, panting, urine, vomiting, and excreta.”** L. Ron Hubbard, *Science of Survival (Los Angeles: AHOS, 1973), 2:255.*

What Does The Bible Say About Salvation?

*“Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.” **Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**” Acts 4:10-12.*

*“For by **grace are ye saved through faith**; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:” Ephesians 2:8.*

Closing Statement:

Scientology is a difficult religion to witness to. Primarily because they are attracted to “mystical pseudo-science”, not the hard fast truth of the Gospel as we know it. When you talk about Jesus they will put you in a category of someone who is just following the rules of a very old book.

“You are just a Christian because you were born in America”.

You will have better success with them IMHO if you are well versed in the Bible and the arguments surrounding the life of Jesus. His birth, life, crucifixion and resurrection. The historical references from secular sources also help. These arguments are found in the R.B.S. handout on the subject. We as Christians also must establish the absolute authority of scripture and stick to it ourselves.

The best way to do this is live it. DH



L. Ron Hubbard 1911-1986
Scientology Founder



